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Dear Mr. Kolaz:

The United States Environmental Protection Agency (USEPA) has reviewed Illinois' amendment to the State Implementation Plan (SIP) submitted on April 11, 2003, for the Chicago 1-hour ozone attainment demonstration which provides new MOBILE6 motor vehicle emissions budgets. We have determined that the motor vehicle emissions budgets are adequate, pursuant to section 93.118(e)(4) of the Transportation Conformity Rule (40 CFR Part 93, Subpart A).

The conformity rule identifies limited technical and administrative criteria that must be used in determining adequacy of submitted State Implementation Plan (SIP) budgets for transportation conformity purposes. We have determined that the Chicago, Illinois MOBILE6 motor vehicle emissions budgets for 2005 and 2007 for both volatile organic compounds (VOCs) and oxides of nitrogen (NOx) are adequate.

This letter finds adequate the submitted 2007 motor vehicle emissions budgets for VOC of 125.42 tons per day and of 280.40 tons per day for NOx and also, the 2005 VOC budget of 150.11 tons per day. These budgets have met the standard requirements that any budget must meet before it can be used to determine conformity for a transportation improvement program or long range plan. This adequacy finding does not relate to the merits of the SIP submittal nor does it indicate whether the submittal meets the USEPA's requirements for approval.

The USEPA opened a comment period on the SIP budgets for adequacy by posting it to our web site on April 16, 2003. The web address is www.epa.gov/otaq/transp/conform/adequacy.htm. The comment period closed on May 16, 2003, and no comments were received. In addition, the USEPA reviewed all the comments made to the Illinois Environmental Protection Agency (IEPA) during the State

comment period.

More information on SIPs and adequacy reviews is also available on the USEPA web site. It is expected that the USEPA will soon publish a notice in the Federal Register announcing this adequacy finding. If you have questions, please feel free to call me or Patricia Morris, of my staff, at (312) 353-8656.

Sincerely yours,

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